SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Sir, whether it is a fact that some wood was auctioned and the amount realised from that auction was deposited in the treasury?

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY.—Sir, about that I have no information.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—All though the school building was dismantled in the year 1974, why Government has not taken action to construct this building?

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY—It was decided to construct the Marathi School building on the existing site where the school building No. 13 was dismantled and the expenditure for the construction of this school was to be shared by the Government and the Belgaum Munisipal Corporation. But later on, the Belgaum City Municipal Corporation did not contribute for the construction of the Primary School building due to paucity of funds. At present, the Marathi School No. 13 is being run on shift basis in a near by building where the Marathi Boys School No. 19 is run.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Sir, you have said that due to paucity of funds the Belgaum Municipal Corporation did not contribute funds for the construction of the School building., Has it come to the notice of the Government that the Corporation is giving amount for charitable institutions?

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY.—Sir, the latter part of his question, I do not know.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Sir, since the Marathi Boys School No. 19 is one mile away from the Marathi Boys School No. 13, I request the Government to take up the construction of school building No. 13 immediately.

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY.—It is under consideration.

Khanapur-Talewadi Road

208. SRI NILKANTHRAO BHAGWANTRAO SIRDESAI (Khanapur).—Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Khanapur-Talewadi road has been taken over by the P.W.D., if so, in what year;

(*b*) the expenditure incurred evey year for repairs and maintenance of this road for the last 3 years;

(*c*) whether the K.S.R.T.C. has refused to ply S.T. buses on this road; as the road is not motorable;

(*d*) whether Government has sanctioned the bridge works on the Halatrinala, on this road; if so, whether plans and estimates are ready?

SRI S. BANGARAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) 1. There is no road with the nomenclature "Khanapur-Talewadi road."

2. Khanapur-Hemadge-Anmod road (taken over during 1968) is a State Fund Road of MDR standard.

The village road from Talewadi to join the above road near Hemadge is not taken over to P.W.D.

(*b*) The maintenance expenditure on the "Khanapur-Hemadge-Anmod" road is as follows:—

Year		Ordinary repairs	Special repairs
		Rs.	Rs.
1975-76	...	9,400	12,500
1976-77	...	9,500	33,100
1977-78	...	13,300	14,100

(*c*) Yes.

(d) The correct nomenclature of the work is "Bridge-cum-Barrage across Halatrinala". Plans and estimates are under scruity.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI.—Sir, may I know whether Government aware of the fact that there is a bridge on Khanapur-Hemadge-road in the thick forest through which people mainly go to Khanapur Taluk?

† SRI S. BANGARAPPA.—It is a fact.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI.—Sir, in answer to (*b*) & (*c*), may I know whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the work turned out during 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78 is not communserate with the expenditure incurred? Whether it is a fact that on account of the bad condition of the road, K.S.R.T.C. have refused to ply their buses on this road?

SRI S. BANGARAPPA.—Sir, it is true that K.S.R.T.C. has refused to ply buses on this road because of bad condition and the hon. Member should know that it is not possible to run the buses because there are about 6 nalas one is Halatrinala, the biggest one and the other 5 are smaller. The work on Halatrinala Bridge has to be taken up and provision was also made in the current year of about Rs. 2 lakhs. The total estimated cost worked out by the Chief Engineer, Minor

Irrigation and the Public Health Engineering is about 4.95 lakhs. Therefore, the work of this bridge will be taken up this year. The work of other nalas will also be taken up side by side.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that if this road is repaired properly and asphalted, the distance to Goa would be reduced by 18 miles and thereby the Government would save lot of expenditure which is being incurred on deisel oil and wear and tear of buses?

SRI S. BANGARAPPA.—Government is aware of the fact that this is the nearest Road to reach Goa. The Khanapur-Hemagde Road is a State Fund Road of MDR standard. The road from Talewadi to Hemadge is a village road and unless the P.W.D. takes it over we cannot up take this position of the road. I will certainly consider this aspect. So far as asphalting is concerned, day before yesterday in my reply to the debate on the P.W.D. Demands I have made it clear that on account of the meagre funds at our disposal it has not been possible for us to take up asphalting of roads immediately. I will think of converting it into a major district road and see that buses are allowed to ply.

Handigodu disease in Sagar Taluk

253. SRI L. T. THIMMAPPA HEGDE (Sagar).—Will Minister for Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the disease called "Handigodu" a peculiar disease is spreading especially among Harijans in Handigodu and surrounding villages of Sagar taluk for the last two years;

(*b*) whether the Government has got an inquiry conducted through the experts in this behalf;

(*c*) if so, the decision arrived at about this disease;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that there are still some person suffering from this disease and the special treatment that was being given to them has been denined;

(*e*) whether the Government intend to sanction physically handicapped allowance or 'peculiar disease allowance' to those persons who have become physically handicapped due to this disease and are unable to lead their leaves?